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## Computer error triggers U.S. alert

WASHINGTON, June 5 (R) — U.S. Air Force aircraft were put on alert for three minutes this week because a faulty computer showed a multiple Soviet missile attack on the United States, the Pentagon announced today. It was the second time in seven months that a computer problem triggered a U.S. alert. A Pentagon spokesman said that because of the false alarm on Tuesday, one Air Force plane took off from Hawaii while some Strategic Air Command (SAC) aircraft were readied for take-off with their engines running. He also said the White House was informed, but the alert was called off before the information could be transmitted to either President Carter or Defense Secretary Harold Brown. As in the previous false alert on Nov. 9, the computer problem was at the North American Defence Command (Norad) complex, housed in a granite mountain near Colorado Springs, Colorado. The complex is the headquarters of the joint U.S.-Canadian defence network for the continent.

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## At Washington synagogue

### L stages violent disturbance meet with expelled mayors

interrupted with frequent violent anti-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) slogans.

Yesterday, the PLO office here was broken into and received a bomb threat prior to the meeting. PLO sources told the Jordan Times that they believed the break-in was "an attempt to learn about the schedule of the two mayors' visit to Washington."

As a security measure, the mayors changed hotels and measures to ensure their safety have been stepped up. The break-in is under investigation by police.

After the meeting with the Jewish liberals, Mr. Milhem told the Jordan Times he was "pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with Jewish leaders and discuss their viewpoints."

He said he would be "willing to

meet with Jewish leaders at any time in the future in an attempt to bring better understanding to both parties."

Today, the mayors and Sheikh Rajab Al Tamimi, the Islamic judge of Hebron, who was expelled with them last month, were meeting in private sessions with officials in Capitol Hill. In the afternoon, Congressman Walter Fauntroy, leader of the National Black Caucus, was hosting a reception for the expelled leaders at the Rayburn building on Capitol Hill.

Tonight, they were to be entertained by Arab-Americans at a private dinner. Tomorrow they will be hosted at a luncheon given by the Palestine Human Rights Campaign and the Palestine Information Office.



A beaming Mrs. Anaya Shak'a looks on at her husband, Nabhus Mayor Bassam Shak'a following surgery at the Hussein Medical Centre here Thursday. (Photo by Youssef Al Allan)

## After surgery at Hussein Medical Centre

### Shak'a in satisfactory condition, will improve

Special to the Jordan Times  
AMMAN, June 5 — Mayor Bassam Shak'a's condition is satisfactory

and is expected to improve gradually. a spokesman for the Hussein Medical Centre said tonight.

The spokesman, quoted by the official Jordan News Agency (JNA), said the mayor, who was airlifted by helicopter from King Hussein Bridge this morning, arriving at 12:30 p.m., underwent surgery within half an hour to clean out the infected wounds of the stumps of his legs which he lost in an Israeli assassination attempt Monday morning.

Mr. Shak'a, who was carried in an ambulance from the government hospital in Nablus to the bridge, told JNA he was determined "to go back to Nablus to continue the struggle and render my services to the people who suffer under the yoke of occupation and continued Zionist terrorism."

He said he had declined an offer of treatment in an Israeli hospital because the Israeli authorities "are responsible for the perfidious attack."

Mr. Shak'a said former Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman had threatened to "physically liquidate me" during a recent detention and had "ordered my expulsion outside the occupied territories," JNA added.

Mr. Shak'a was accompanied in the ambulance and the helicopter by his private physician who had been present at similar operation Mr. Shak'a underwent yesterday evening at Fafidia Hospital. He told the Jordan Times this evening that the mayor's heart had stopped due to shock for two minutes during the operation.

The doctor said he was being treated for gas gangrene, a bacterial infection peculiar to bombing accidents that sets into the muscle and skin. Since the bacteria is destroyed by oxygen, the wounds must be left open.

Speaking after today's operation which was performed by Dr. Daoud Hanania, Director of the Royal Medical Services, Mr. Shak'a's physician said that the mayor's condition was "risky but better."

The patient is now in the intensive care unit where he is expected to stay for a week. "I don't think he will need any more life-saving operations," his doctor said "but he might need plastic surgery for rehabilitation of his muscles, joints and fixing of artificial limbs. It is miraculous that he survived at all."

He added that the minimum time the mayor will need to stay in hospital is two weeks but "I would like to see him stay for two months. When he gets out depends on his own will to leave."

In another interview with the Jordan Times, a close relative of the mayor said of the patient: "He is always in good spirits but he became subdued yesterday when fatigue set in."

As the mayor's condition worsened last night, it became obvious that the Nablus hospital did not have the equipment to cope with his condition, he said. Doctors there urged his removal to the Tel Hashomer Hospital near Tel Aviv, the only one in Israel or the West Bank equipped to deal with gas gangrene.

"Bassam refused," he said. "He told them that the Israeli were responsible for the bombing and that he was not safe in one of their hospitals. The doctors then insisted that he be removed to Amman. At 1 a.m. this morning the military governor said 'no' because (Israeli Prime Minister Menachem) Begin refused the transferral. The doctors pressed again and finally received permission at 6:30."

The ambulance with the mayor, his wife, and his doctor arrived at the Prince Mohammad Bridge at 11, only to have the military authorities deny them permission to cross and insist on an hour's detour to the King Hussein in Bridge.

Accompanying the ambulance to the Prince Mohammad Bridge were fifteen of the mayor's brothers, sisters and relatives. They were joined by a caravan of some 1000 cars full of Palestinians

wishing the mayor well and encouraging him, the relative said. The family entered the East Bank by the Prince Mohammad Bridge, where they said they were harassed by Israeli soldiers. The mayor's wife is now staying at the King Hussein Medical Centre where she has been given a room. "We are very pleased with Bassam's reception at the medical centre," the relative said. "The morale of the family is higher because we know that he is in good hands and there is good equipment here for treating him."

Asked whom he thought set off the bombs, the relative would say only: "The ones who did it are protected by Israel and the military authorities." He added that part of his evidence for his statement derives from the expertise of the bombing operation. The bombs, he recalled, were standard Israeli army issue and the telephone lines of the mayor and four of his relatives in Nablus were cut hours before Monday morning's attack.

Mr. Shak'a accused Israeli officials of attempting to assassinate him in a bedside interview this evening with the Jordan Times. He said that he had received more than one threat from Israeli officials that they would "liquidate me" if he continued to work in cooperation with other mayors against the designs of the occupation authorities.

He added that the military authorities had tried to transfer him to an Israeli hospital for treatment but he had refused. "How could I accept treatment at an Israeli hospital when Israel itself planned the assassination attempt?" he asked rhetorically.

In another interview with the Jordan Times, the

AMMAN, June 5 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein today made a telephone call to Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaif to enquire after the condition of Nablus Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a, who was admitted to Al Hussein Medical Centre for treatment today. The King, now on a private visit to Britain, instructed the government to extend all possible care and attention to Mr. Shak'a.

Later in the evening, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent visited Shak'a at the hospital and asserted Jordan's solidarity with the people of the occupied territories.

Later the prime minister and chief of the royal court, Mr. Ahmad Al Lawzi, also visited Mr. Shak'a in hospital and informed his wife of the King's concern over her husband's health and over the condition of his family and fellow citizens now confronting Israel's arbitrary measures in the occupied Arab territories.

Speaking to reporters later, the prime minister said Jordan is proud of Mr. Shak'a, his colleagues and family members. He said Jordan will continue to extend all possible assistance and help to the population in the occupied Arab lands until victory is achieved.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat is expected in Amman tomorrow to visit Mr. Shak'a, the Jordan Times learnt.

mayor's wife, Mrs. Anaya Shak'a specifically blamed Mr. Begin, Mr. Weizman, the military (Continued on page 2)

## Security Council condemns attempted murders of three West Bank mayors

UNITED NATIONS, June 5 (Agencies)—The Security Council today condemned the attempted murders of three West Bank mayors last Monday and voiced its deep concern that Israel had failed to

protect civilians in the occupied territories. It also called for Israel to compensate the victims of Monday's bomb attack in which 10 people were injured.

quently laid charges of incitement against Mr. Shak'a and Mr. Khalaf, and against Mayor Ibrahim Tawil of Al Bireh who escaped a third car bomb.

Protests over the killings spread from the West Bank to Arab residents of Israel during the day. Municipalities of Arab towns in the Galilee area came out on strike.

In Bethlehem, Mayor Elisa

Freij called today for a mass walk-out by municipal Arab leaders in protest against the Israeli crackdown on the West Bank. He also withdrew his resignation under pressure from other West Bank mayors.

"I don't feel happy about going back, but I have to keep the solidarity" with other West Bank leaders, Mr. Freij said.

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AMMAN, June 5 (JT) — A group of some 100 Jordanian women today held a sit-in at the headquarters of the International Red Cross Committee here to protest the Israeli assassination attempts against mayors Bassam Shak'a of Nablus, Karim Khalaf of Ramallah and Ibrahim Tawil of Al Bireh.

Gathering in the small garden of the headquarters in Abdali, the group issued a statement denouncing oppressive Israeli measures against the people of the occupied Arab territories. During the 90-minute sit-in the women appealed to the world conscience and to peace-loving nations to extend assistance to the Arab people and to stop Israel's arbitrary measures against them.

The Red Cross here has forwarded a copy of the statement to the president of the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva. Other copies were sent to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and to international women's organisations.

## U.S., Oman sign pact on air, naval facilities

BAHRAIN, June 5 (R) — The United States will have the use of air and naval facilities in Oman Sultanate under a note signed between the two countries, the Gulf News Agency reported from Muscat today. "But these facilities will be no more than those enjoyed by any country friendly to Oman," the agency said.

The document signed in Muscat yesterday, does not allow any U.S. bases or the stationing of any U.S. units in the country, the agency said. The note covers security, development, economic and trade cooperation and was signed by the Omani minister of state for foreign affairs, Mr. Qais Al Zawawi, and the U.S. ambassador, Mr. Marshall Wiley, the agency said.

Oman, strategically situated at the entrance of the Gulf, was one of four countries which the U.S. approached for emergency military facilities in the aftermath of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan last December. The other three countries were Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Kenya.

Somalia and Kenya were reported to have agreed in principle to the U.S. request, but the Saudis have dismissed reports that the kingdom had even been approached for such facilities. Since the downfall of the Shah last year, pro-western Oman has assumed the responsibility of guarding the Strait of Hormuz, through which about 100 tankers a day pass carrying 70 per cent of the industrialised world's oil imports.

After the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, Oman asked for more military aid from the U.S. and Britain to strengthen its defence forces, which are deployed mainly along frontiers with Marxist South Yemen.

Oman has no relations with South Yemen, which for years supported an insurgency in Oman's southern Dhofar province crushed in 1975 with military assistance from the deposed Shah of Iran.

## Regional Briefs

LIA, Egypt, June 5 (AP) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's army officers today to be ready with "plans and alternatives" to a possible attempt by Ethiopia to cut off the Nile from Egypt. In a speech to officers of the second and third battalions in this town, midway on the Suez Canal, Mr. Sadat said Egypt would go to war against Ethiopia should it try to cut the Nile waters from reaching Egypt's 42 million population. Mr. Sadat's address to the officers is part of the annual celebrations commemorating the 1975 reopening of the canal to international navigation. The canal was closed during the Middle East war with Israel. Late last month, he circulated a letter to African countries accusing Egypt of the 1977 Nile water agreement by introducing Nile into the Sinai. The Egyptian government in April introduced enough Nile water to irrigate some 35,000 acres of Sinai land, and plans to reclaim a total of one million acres there beginning in 1981. The water is carried through pipes in the canal watershed and is drawn by means of syphons.

BA, June 5 (R) — Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel said Turkey will protest to Iraq over the killing of 10 Turkish soldiers by machine-gun fire from Iraqi helicopters last Sunday. Demirel told reporters after a cabinet meeting that Turkey demanded for the immediate punishment of those responsible. A total of 18 Turkish villagers from the province of Hakkari near the Iraqi border were machine-gunned by Iraqi helicopters. They were cutting grass inside Iraqi territory, according to Ankara state radio. Ten villagers were killed and three were wounded. The villagers later claimed the land they were working on was theirs for agricultural purposes and that they had been using it for years with the knowledge of Iraqi officials.

RI, June 5 (AP) — Saudi Arabia will receive the first of a U.S.-made F-15 military jets within the next four weeks, the state-run Riyadh Radio quoted the Saudi defence minister today. The minister, Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz, was also quoted as saying the delivery of the aircraft is being without any obstacles, according to a contract signed with the United States.

ABABA, June 5 (R) — Djibouti Foreign Minister Ismael Ibrahim left here today after a four-day official visit to Ethiopia to discuss the former embassy of Somalia. Mr. Ibrahim severed diplomatic relations at the outbreak of the 1977-78 Ogaden war. Mr. Ibrahim expressed "complete satisfaction" with the result of the talks on developing relations between the two countries, the Ethiopian News Agency reported. Ethiopian Foreign Minister Dr. Fekile Gedda presented the key to the former Somalia embassy at a ceremony held last Sunday. The Ethiopian leader Mengistu Hailemariam at a meeting today assured the Djibouti foreign minister Ethiopia continues to improve and develop relations between the two countries for the peace of the region and the mutual security and well being of the two peoples, ENA said.

ALGERIA, June 5 (R) — Algerian Foreign Minister Mohamed Ben Yahiya left for home today after pledging to attempt to be disappeared a missing Spanish trawler. The trawler, the Entrenas, disappeared last week off the Western Sahara and was the main topic discussed by Spanish leaders during Ben Yahiya's 24-hour official visit. The Polisario Front, which supports the fight for the independence of Western Sahara from Morocco, has claimed that its guerrillas sank the boat and captured the crew. Mr. Ben Yahiya told reporters before leaving that he could not confirm the Polisario claim as he was not involved. But he added: "The Algerian government will spare no effort so that the problem of the fishing boat is a reasonable conclusion even though we are not a party to it." Mr. Ben Yahiya said his talks with Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez and Foreign Minister Marcelino Riera Aguirre with the Middle East, Afghanistan, the U.S.-Iran crisis, and security, the situation in the Mediterranean and general problems in Africa. He added that Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid was expected to make his first official visit to Spain at the end of this year.



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## Shak'a in satisfactory condition

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authorities and the Israeli Mossad (secret service) for the attempts on the lives of her husband and Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf.

She said that Israeli Mossad cars had been seen going around their house at 10 p.m. on the eve of the attack and two days prior to it. At 4 a.m. on the morning of the bombing she personally had seen a military car driving near the house.

Early that morning too, she said, telephone lines were cut to houses in the entire quarter where they live. At the moment of the explosion, she said, the Nablus municipality was already surrounded by Israeli soldiers.

She added that the military governor of Tulkarm had told the father of a student killed in the west Bank town of Anabta a few weeks ago that Mayor Shak'a had been the intended target.

Mrs. Shak'a said that reliable Israeli sources had told her that the expulsion of mayors Fahd Qawasmil of Hebron and Mohammad Milhem of Halhoul from the West Bank last month had harmed Israel's image at the international level. Therefore, she continued, the Israeli authorities felt they had to eliminate other patriotic elements in the West Bank.

Israeli government accusations that the Gush Emunim, Rabbi Meir Kahane and other extremist Jewish groups were responsible for the bombings, she said, were a "mere coverup" for its responsibility for the affair.

Meanwhile, the director of the PLO office here said that "the bombing is the first plot of Begin in his new role as defence minister. Others may think it is a new style for him but we know that the bombings are a continuation of the way he dealt with Palestinians before the creation of the so-called state of Israel."

He added that top PLO officials from all over, including Yasser Arafat, had sent flowers to Mayor Shak'a's bedside at the medical centre.

### Director of International Eye Foundation leaves

AMMAN, June 5 (JT) — Director of the Sri Lanka-based International Eye Foundation (IEF), Dr. Hudson Silva, left Amman today at the end of a five-day visit to Jordan.

Dr. Silva held talks with officials at the Jordan Eye Bank (JEB) on increasing cooperation between the eye banks of Sri Lanka and Jordan. He also visited a number of medical institutions and conducted corneal transplant operations on a number of patients.

In recognition of Dr. Silva's efforts to promote cooperation between IEF and Jordan, he was awarded Jordan's Independence Medal of the Second Order which was conferred on him by His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, during his visit here.

The director of JEB, Dr. Fouad Sayegh, told JNA that over 100 corneal transplant operations have been carried out in Jordan since the establishment of the eye bank here in March 1979, and 80 per cent of these operations were completely successful.

There are proposals for establishing a friends of the JEB society in Jordan to help mount a campaign to encourage citizens to donate corneas for patients being treated at Jordanian hospitals, Dr. Sayegh said.

The IEF and the Sri Lanka eye bank have been sending corneas to Jordan regularly and these have been used in eye operations at the University of Jordan Hospital or at Al Hussein Medical Centre.



Nabliu Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a after surgery at the King Hussein Medical Centre Thursday. (Jordan Times photo)

## Security Council condemns Israel

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In an earlier meeting with reporters, held in defiance of the military government which banned him from talking to the media, Freij said collective resignations would "create a big problem for Israel" and would express outrage at the attempted assassination of the three other mayors.

But other Arab leaders said a walkout would only strengthen Israel's hand. Palestinian sources said these mayors feared being permanently replaced and losing power.

Mr. Freij said most of the pressure came from leaders of Nablus and Ramallah, whose mayors were severely wounded in the car-bomb explosions. The mayors of Hebron and Halhoul, expelled by Israel after the May 2 ambush in Hebron also called Mr. Freij from Washington to ask him to go back to work.

Israeli occupation troops maintained reinforced patrols in West Bank cities, fearing reprisals and a general strike. About 120 Arab merchants in occupied Jerusalem were summoned to a police station before dawn and ordered to open their shops. Today also is the 13th anniversary of Israel's occupation of the West Bank.

Suspicion for the assassination attempts fell on Jewish extremists, especially the militant "Kach" organisation led by American-born Rabbi Meir Kahane, who was jailed without trial before the explosions.

Kach spokesman Yossi Dayan, who openly applauded the anti-Palestinian operation, denied he knew who carried out the bombings. "But they did a good job," he told reporters.

Mr. Dayan also denied reports that Rabbi Kahane was jailed on an administrative detention order after evidence was discovered his group planned to blow up the Al Aqsa mosque in occupied Jerusalem, one of Islam's holiest shrines.

Mr. Freij complained about arbitrary punishments such as the closing of the local girls' school because of stone-throwing incidents and the way in which, he said, Israeli security forces had interrogated hundreds of children.

Mr. Freij, a Christian Arab, told reporters: "I heard a Jewish extremist on television say 'the God of the Jews is the God of revenge'. My God is the God of peace and I pray for peace to come."

AMMAN, June 5 (JNA) — The Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, today made a tour of projects being carried out by the Ministry of Supply in Juwaideh, the Jordan Petroleum Refinery Company in Zarqa and the Jordan Cement Factories Company in Fuheis.

The Ministry of Supply is at present constructing grain silos of 50,000 tonnes capacity in addition to cold stores for meat, poultry and fish of 1,500 tonnes capacity and a 400-tonnes capacity flour mill at Juwaideh, south of Amman.

While visiting the Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co., the prime minister was briefed on progress in the work of expanding the refinery to produce a total of 12,000 tonnes of oil products a day instead of the present 5,000 tonnes.

At the cement factories in Fuheis, Sharif Abdul Hamid was told that when work on the sixth kiln is completed, the total annual output of the factory will reach two million tonnes, double the present figure.

The prime minister was accompanied on the tour by Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Nsour and the Minister of Supply, Dr. Jawad Anani.

## Jordan envoy confers with Francois-Poncet

PARIS, June 5 (JNA) — French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet met in his office here today with the Jordanian ambassador to Paris, Mr. Taher Masri. The French foreign minister informed the Jordanian ambassador on steps taken by France in Europe and on the international scene to find an effective and decisive European initiative that would lead to a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Masri said that he informed the French foreign minister on the critical conditions in the occupied Arab territories and means of oppression and terrorism being used by the Israeli occupation authorities against the Arab inhabitants.

He also informed him about the terrorist attack against the mayors of Nablus, Ramallah and Bireh. He urged the adoption of diplomatic moves at the international level to deter the policy of domination and Judaisation being carried out by the occupation authorities.

## Rouhi Khatib cables Waldheim

AMMAN, June 5 (JT) — The following is the text of a cable sent by the Mayor of Arab Jerusalem in exile, Mr. Rouhi Al Khatib, to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim yesterday protesting the terrorist bombing attacks on Arab mayors of West Bank towns:

"I strongly condemn Israeli assassination attempts on the lives of the three Arab mayors of Nablus, Ramallah and Bireh in occupied Palestine."

"I consider the Israeli government responsible for planning and executing the conspiracy. I also consider the U.S. president and government directly involved in supporting Israeli crimes against occupied Palestine and the Palestinians' continuous sufferings."

"I appeal for immediate safety and human rights measures for my compatriots and a just and equitable solution for the Palestine problem."

## ACOR benefit performance s Amman hides unknown tal

By Fawzia Mai  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 5 — The two highly successful evenings of "cultural varieties" that took place at the Haya Centre on June 3 and 4 for the benefit of the American Centre for Oriental Research spelled a clear message: "reduce the dinners and the cocktails, and we could have more of this," as Nabil Sawalha, director of the Haya Arts Centre, put it.

Certainly, Amman hides more talent than one would be led to believe from the present state of cultural activities. No less than 29 people participated in the production of the "Evening of International Entertainment" which included musical performances, play reading, and dancing. After the introductory speech by James Sauer, director of ACOR, the 15-item programme started off with a piano duet by Pat Velotes, the wife of the American Ambassador, and Frances Hart, a well-known piano teacher — who will unfortunately be leaving Jordan later this month — in a lively rendition of Faure's "Kitty-Valse from 'Dolly' op.56 and Benjamin's

Jamaican Rhumba. American folk songs the "Legend of the Rebel Soldier" and the "Tennessee Stud" were performed by Scott Loney who accompanied himself on the guitar. The newly-formed Amman Performers, sopranos Edith Bilbeisi and Lexi Haddadin and mezzo-soprano Samia Ghanoun, also participated with two Renaissance songs and Schubert's "Swallows". Jordanian pianist Huda Sha'ban contributed Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody which had to be tailored to fit in the three-hour concert.

Enthusiastic applause greeted the musicals' airs "I could have danced all night", "So in love" and "Broadway Baby" that were sung by Pat Pengilly who won over the audience with her admirable stage presence and undaunting showmanship which certainly made up for her lack of voice.

David Sherry who produced the programme also revealed himself as a talented jazz pianist and accompanist. Arabic music was represented by Sami Khoury on the 'ud.

Mozart was performed by a trio, John Chapman on the cello, Linda Schweinfurth on the piano and Gotthardt Seiber on the recorder. Not only does Amman possess a chamber music orchestra, if not a very polished one, but it also boasts of choir, the 18-member Amman International Church Choir, conducted by Sharon Bryant. The nine female and nine male chorists gave an unexpectedly brilliant rendition of "Harmony, Amazing Grace and Every Time I Feel the Spirit."

The final musical item was Beethoven's sonata Pathetique. The British Council presents an exhibition entitled "British Architecture for Arts and Leisure" and plans with seventeen contemporary examples play until June 12.

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## Autonomy's victims

VERY EARLY on in the so-called negotiations over Palestinian "autonomy," Prime Minister Menachem Begin declared that his definition of that concept was "autonomy for the people, not the land."

It is now quite clear that the Israelis are determined to realise that interpretation, with or without an agreement on "autonomy." The mounting Jewish terrorist attack against the Arab population of the occupied territories obviously mark the start of a concerted campaign to drive those people out of their homeland altogether.

It is no longer a question of whether Begin ever intended in the first place to apply whatever form of "autonomy" on which he might have been able to agree with Egypt and the United States (as if they have anything to do with the West Bank anyway).

The maiming of the mayors of two of the main Arab West Bank towns and the narrow escape of another in assassination attempts on Monday could hardly be said to inspire confidence in any purported scheme to confer "administrative self-rule" on the townspeople and villagers of the West Bank. It is patently the Israeli hope that those people, demoralised by this further setback to their aspirations, will give up and quit the occupied homeland altogether, leaving it to the Jewish settlers and Israeli garrisons and Gush Emunim zealots.

The heroic message from Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a, from the moment he was blown up in his car on Monday, has of course been quite contrary to such Zionist expectations. "They can cut off my legs, but they can never cut out my heart," he has said from his hospital bed. "What has happened will expose Israel's policy of racism against us. It will make me stronger personally and give the Palestinian people a fresh will to continue their struggle."

Some observers have speculated that the Israelis sought to eliminate Mr. Shak'a and his colleagues, Mayors Khalaf and Tawil of Ramallah and Al Bireh, because of their determined resistance to the autonomy scheme. Others see their attempted liquidation as a bid to replace the nationalist Palestinian leadership with figures more amenable to Israeli intentions in the occupied territories. Either way, the men are autonomy's victims. And either way, the results of such attempts at intimidation and manipulation will be quite the opposite of what the Zionists anticipate.

The expulsion of the three other key Palestinian figures who are now facing Zionist brickbats during a tour of the United States to arouse American public opinion, can be seen in the same light. Again, the Israelis have misjudged the results. It is reported, for example, that the Begin regime wasted no time in stripping the expelled mayor of Hebron, Mr. Qawasmil, of his post, so that his deputy, Dr. Ahmad Natsheh, would take his place; the reason: Dr. Natsheh is an avowed communist and this would greatly facilitate the Zionist propaganda line that, left to their own devices, the Palestinians would create a "communist state." To his credit, Dr. Natsheh refused to take up the post.

Given the mounting scale of the West Bank tragedy and worldwide revulsion at Israeli tactics, none of this seems likely to prolong the survival of the Zionist ideology or its practitioners. It is perhaps in realisation of this that the Israelis, according to Newsweek, have moved three more army brigades, recently withdrawn from Sinai (thank you, Mr. Sadat) into the West Bank.

The application of Mr. Begin's version of autonomy clearly has many more victims yet to claim before it can be said to be successful. Thwarting that is the duty before us.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: So that June 5, 1967 will not be repeated, it is time that the Arabs face with sincerity and courage the standing question: namely whether Arab weakness is the result of the lack of ability or is it due to a slackening in their efforts to secure this ability?

Our Arab World, with its natural resources, wealth, manpower and strategic location constitutes a unique power. But equally strange is its dispersion and disintegration. If we exclude the Arab capability to complain to the U.N. Security Council and to denounce and condemn the criminal Israeli attacks, we find that the "Arab force" that is capable of action is still in the cradle.

This is the fact that the Arab masses realise and this is the "gap" exploited by the enemy to undermine the morale of the Arab individual by throwing bombs in the West Bank, by the insolent announcement of its intention to evict Palestinians by force from their land and by the gangs it forms to achieve that evil design.

Because the enemy pays no attention to complaints and protests, we find it continuing its crimes. But when it sees that the Arabs can do something else, then it will have to redo its calculations.

We should warn again that the enemy's escalation of its criminal operations and the American support it receives aim at shaking the region, drowning it in a state of turmoil and preparing an atmosphere of desperation so as to drag the Arab masses into surrender. All these factors together form a design the Arabs should foil before it is too late.

AL DUSTOUR: Dealing with what is taking place in the occupied territories in terms of human suffering and tragedy, is primarily the responsibility of the Arabs. What is taking place now is a serious indicator that all efforts should be combined to end it before it leads to liquidating the cause of the Palestinian people.

That is why His Majesty King Hussein is keen on this issue, on enhancing the steadfastness of our people in the occupied land, and on having Jordan always remain the supporter of the Palestinian people in their struggle for protecting and restoring their right. King Hussein is behind the government's call to take every possible measure and extend all help to aid the people of the occupied land in their confrontation with aggression and with the escalation of Israel's racist attacks against them.

The duty of the whole Arab nation is to stand with Jordan in strengthening the heroic steadfastness of the people of the occupied land. This country has moved to end the tragedy taking place in the occupied West Bank, and now the time has come for our Arab brethren to make a move in this direction without delay.

## Local News Briefs

AMMAN, June 5 (JNA) — A Belgian parliamentary delegation is due here on Sunday for a four-day visit to Jordan during which the delegation members will meet with a number of Jordanian officials and will tour Palestinian refugee camps.

AMMAN, June 5 (JNA) — Local firms should give priority to Jordanian labourers for employment here before trying to import labourers from other countries, the employment office at the Ministry of Labour announced today. It said that advertisements announcing the need of labourers should give specific details about the type of labourers and their skills. The Ministry of Labour also announced today that it had given consent for the employment of 100 non-Jordanian technicians who are to work in the installation of heavy equipment and machines at a number of major Jordanian projects. Two hundred of these technicians will be arriving at a later stage, a ministry spokesman said.

AMMAN, June 5 (JT) — A first round of talks on promoting educational cooperation between Romania and Jordan was held at the Ministry of Education today. Teams from both sides, led by Mr. Marcel Dinu, director of the Middle East department at the Romanian Foreign Ministry who is currently visiting Jordan, and the Minister of Education, Dr. Mohammad Nouri Shafiq, discussed implementing a programme of bilateral cooperation within the framework of an educational protocol signed in 1975. An agreement for implementing the protocol will be signed by the two sides during Mr. Dinu's visit to Jordan which started yesterday, a Ministry of Education spokesman said.

AMMAN, June 5 (JNA) — A senior official of the World Bank, Mr. David Knox, today inspected projects by the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) with World Bank financing. He also met with JEA Director General, Dr. Hisham Al Khatib, and discussed with him increasing the World Bank's contribution to JEA schemes. Mr. Knox who arrived in Amman on Tuesday for a week-long visit to Jordan today also visited Al Hussein Thermal power station in Zarqa and was briefed on the progress of work on the station's third stage.

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# JCO parallel markets: A model with a message

By Norah Barger  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, June 5 -- "The customer be damned" attitude of many of Jordan's merchants may soon need revision -- in grocery stores at least -- in the face of fierce competition from the semi-governmental Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO).

The competition comes from parallel markets set up by the JCO at the beginning of April. Intended to be models of how grocers can sell to consumers at reasonable prices while still reaping profits, the first one was set up at the former site of the water tower near the First Circle in Jabal Amman. The dank, dirty and sometimes rat-infested quarters occupied there by free-lance fruit and vegetable vendors squatting on the land by sufferance of the landlord, the Ministry of Agriculture, were cleared out.

Given the land, the JCO immediately began laying down tiles and selling its own produce at prices that are never higher than those set by the Ministry of Supply. High quality fruits and vegetables are never hoarded in a back room waiting to be sold to favoured customers who are willing to pay more than the set price for the best.

Instead, all fruits and vegetables there have been graded and packaged. Lower quality produce is available at prices below the official price. Doors went up last week so the market is no longer open air. It is one of the few places here that offer shopping carts for customers and check out is speeded up by electronic digital cash registers.

This week a similar parallel market was opened by the JCO in Jerash. Possible sites for more markets in the Amman region are Jubeiha, Sweileh, Wadi Seer and Na'our. One in North Hashimi will open soon to cater to the capital's lower income citizens. Outside the Amman area, Irbid, Salt, Zarqa and Aqaba are being studied.

Mobile parallel markets have also been in operation in Amman for two months. Volkswagen minibuses, recognisable by the JCO logo of three interlinked circles emblazoned on their sides, can be seen parked at strategic roadside spots to make their produce, graded and bagged like that in the market, available to passing motorists or pedestrians. The original fleet of two has been increased to six.

By all standards, the experiment seems to have been successful so far. According to JCO director, Hassan Nabulsi, retail prices are some 20 per cent lower at the parallel markets. A profit

has already been realised, he told the Jordan Times, but exactly how much is not yet known.

"The customers are very pleased," said Mr. Fahim Sukhain, the manager of the water tower market, which is open daily from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. "Some customers leave here with three shopping carts full of fruits and vegetables worth over JD 20 at a time. We talk about rationalisation of consumption, but it is hard to believe that even large families can consume that much."

The call the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, made earlier this year for the rationalisation of consumption, is in fact behind the hasty setting up of parallel markets. There was, he said, a clear need to lower prices to the consumer and stop the spiral of inflation.

"There are two polar ways of attacking the problem," Mr. Nabulsi said, "a completely free market or total government intervention. Members of the committee for the rationalisation of consumption headed by the Minister of Supply, Dr. Jawad Anani, were anxious not to shake the free market concept we have here or to do anything to shake the confidence of capital from outside."

The committee came up with the idea of the parallel market. It has been implemented successfully in Kuwait where the markets serve certain sections of the population. They operate under the same conditions as private sector markets, paying taxes, shipping and customs.

"Some of the conditions under which we have to work will in fact be more severe," Mr. Nabulsi commented. "We will be paying new rent unlike groceries that have been operating for years."

Also unlike the private sector, the JCO aims to minimise the cost of the customer and to take only a modest profit. No more than about ten centres will be set up all over the kingdom. Their main purpose will be to serve as models for the private sector which will, it is hoped, have to lower its prices and offer the same modern service in order to compete with the parallel markets.

"We are not after the retailing service," he said. The organisation is, however, after the marketing business. "We will be distributing for sure on a full scale," added. It is perhaps through its marketing operations, that all citizens will benefit the most from the JCO parallel market venture. Wisely, it was decided that the most efficient way to distribute fruits and vegetable was to grade them and pre-package them according to weight. The customer buys a one kilo sealed net or plastic bag of high grade tomatoes, for example, without having to spend time sifting through boxes for the best ones and waiting while his choice is weighed by the merchant. This has been an innovation in marketing here which the private sector never bothered to make, although it is part of standard operations in many free enterprise countries.

Packing operations take place at Taibeh, a suburb near Mahatta and, on a smaller scale, at the water tower market. Unacceptable produce is thrown out during packing, eliminating the unsightly mess familiar to consumers at most markets.

The JCO now distributes its wares to its stationary and mobile retail outlets as well as to consumer cooperatives at the Hussein Housing Estate, Hashimi and Al Hasa, where the phosphate mines are located. Eleven individuals or more can get together and form a cooperative licensed by the JCO.

So far, there are no more than five in Amman, but it is hoped that the advantage of being supplied by the JCO will encourage the formation of more cooperatives.

At the same time, the JCO intends to supply private sector retailers. It already has taken a place at the central marketplace downtown where it sells to all comers with a commission that is three to five per cent lower than what the other wholesalers there are taking.

The JCO buys one-third of the produce it sells direct from the producers. When it stepped into the market, it found that most producers had already committed themselves to private sector commissionaires. The JCO had to make some purchases from private wholesalers.

The realisation that it could not buy direct was one of the many lessons the organisation has learned in the past two months. Learning how to get a telephone installed and solving electricity problems were others. It hired too many packers and the staff has now been reduced by half.

"We are solving our problems one by one," Mr. Nabulsi said, pointing out that the organisation had a choice between starting on short notice or overplanning to the extent that the parallel market idea would have been bogged down in paperwork and never got off the ground.

Fruits and vegetables are not all that will be available at the parallel markets. Already one can buy goat cheese, powdered milk, olive oil and Arab and Western bread. The Ministry of Supply has taken a small corner of the water tower shop for selling its eggs and meat. Very soon, the JCO will take over these operations as well. Eggs will be available in closed cartons of a dozen (for the first time here) at a price below the Ministry of Supply posted price.

The JCO will also expand into selling all the kinds of tinned foods and consumer goods usually available at supermarkets. Letters have been sent to the commercial attaches of 32 countries asking them what goods their countries can offer and their quality and prices. Preference will be given to stocking the markets with Jordanian goods if they are of high quality. Strangely, Jordanian tomato paste may not be among them simply because the product here comes in kilo cans, an impractical size for any but the very largest families. The introduction of the parallel markets, it seems, has performed a service in pointing out the myriad deficiencies in the packaging industry here.

The JCO will cooperate with the Ministry of Supply in marketing the goods the ministry subsidises such as flour, sugar, meat, poultry, chicken, and fish. The ministry has thought of setting up its own parallel markets for the sale of such goods, but the relationship between its markets and those of the JCO has not yet been clearly defined. Nevertheless, the two institutions will work out their plans in full cooperation, according to Mr. Nabulsi.

Staff working on the parallel markets feel that the experimental venture is especially important because a semi-governmental organisation now has an actual presence on the marketplace for the first time and can take action on more than a theoretical basis.

By supplying retailers with produce, the JCO will be able to sufficiently dominate the wholesale market to keep the selling prices to retailers down. At the same time, patrons of the parallel market, it is hoped, will provide more effective control over inflated retail profits than intricate Ministry of Supply or Tax Department investigations. Consumers who are faced with unreasonable prices at private stores can simply take their business to a parallel market until merchants catch on that they will have to compete to survive.



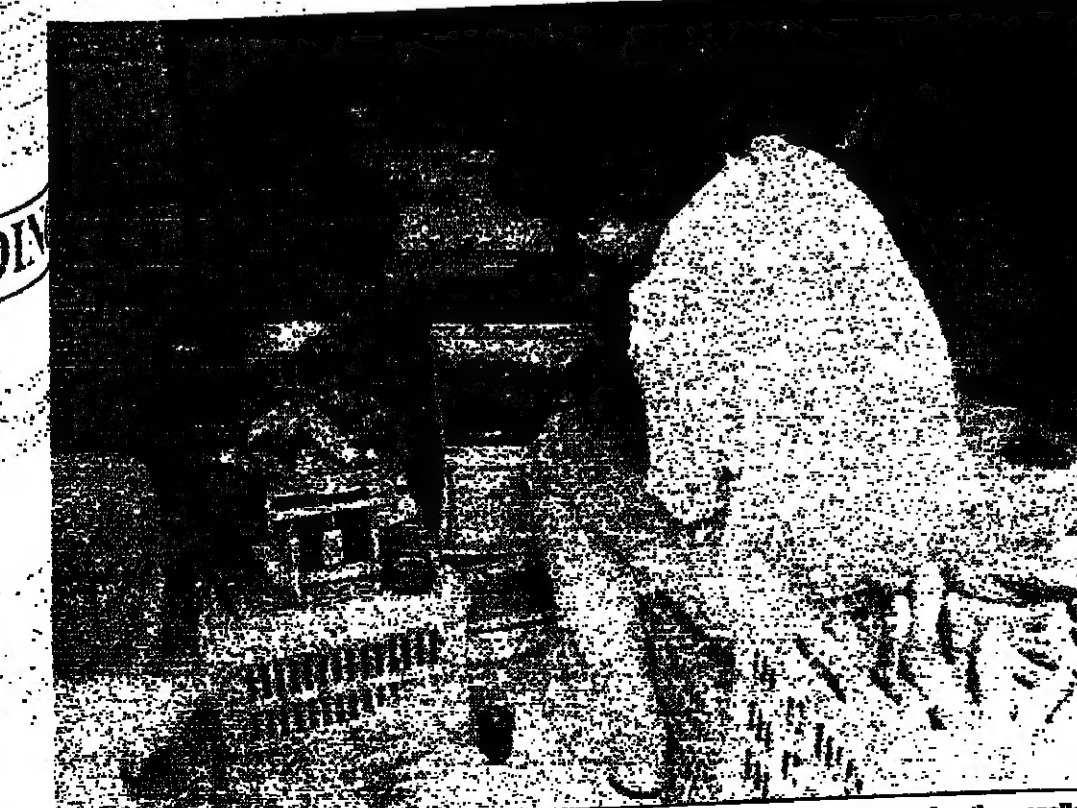
Shopping carts make it easier to take kids along when one goes to the market.



Ministry of Supply has taken a small section of the market to sell meat and eggs. The JCO will soon take over the operations.



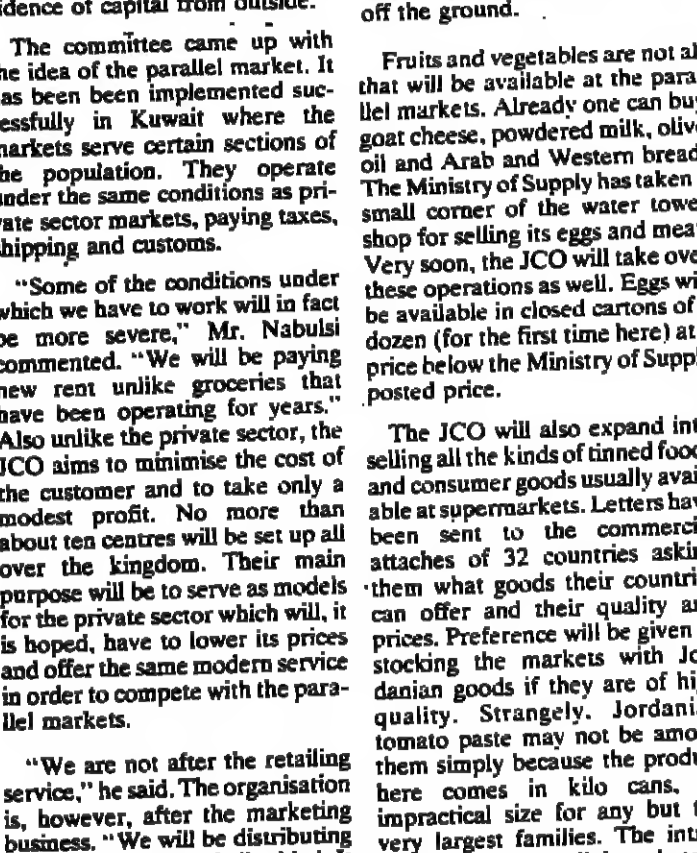
Men shopping for their families at noontime queue up to pay for their groceries.



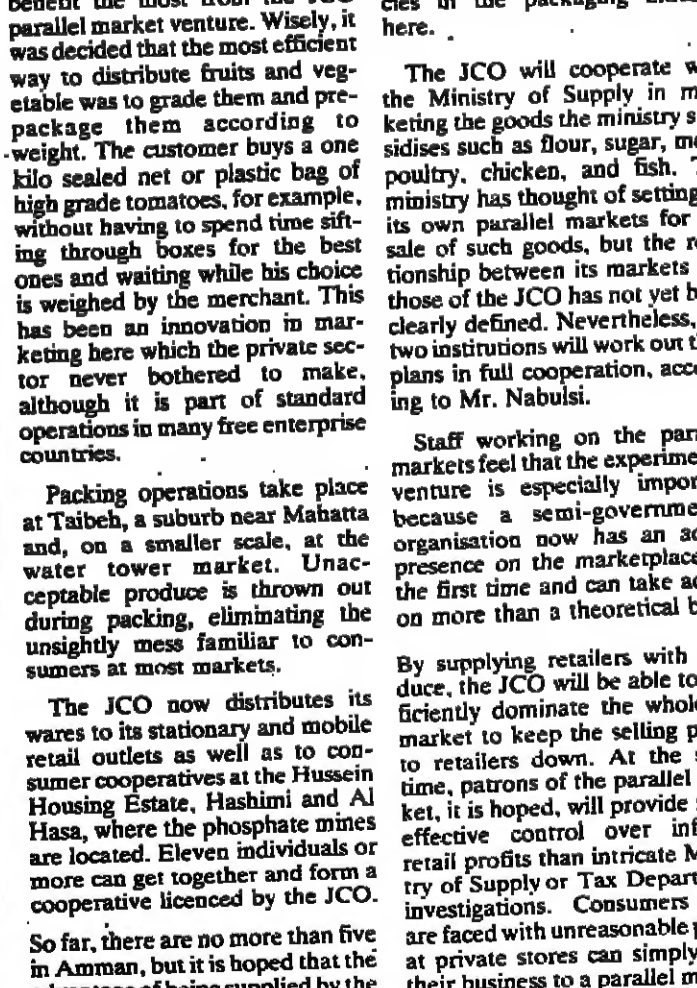
An employee sorts and weighs cucumbers as part of the JCO packing operations for the parallel markets.



Shoppers check out two-kilo bags of lemons.



With groceries piled up as these are, the market needs the electronic digital cash registers.



Workers bag string beans, eggplants, and tomatoes for faster shopping and delivery.



A packer delivers just-bagged fruits and vegetables to stock the shelves of the parallel market near the First Circle. To the right is one of the JCO minibuses that sell produce by the roadside.



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## Economic News Briefs

### Chase cuts prime rate to 13%

NEW YORK, June 5 (R) — Chase Manhattan Bank yesterday cut its prime lending rate by a full percentage point to 13 per cent, continuing a steady decline in the key bank interest rate. The rate, the interest charged on loans to corporate customers, has fallen sharply in recent weeks from a record 20 per cent in early April.

The move by Chase Manhattan, was soon followed by Morgan Guaranty Trust and Company and Manufacturers Bank, a small Los Angeles Bank. Most other banks were still charging 14 per cent.

Credit controls imposed as part of the Carter administration's anti-inflation programme earlier this year could be completely dismantled in the next few months, Treasury Secretary G. William Miller said yesterday.

The Federal Reserve Board (Central Bank) recently removed some credit restraints it imposed in March, cutting by half its special deposit requirement on consumer credit and its reserve requirement on bank operating funds.

### 30 developing countries receive Arab credit

KUWAIT, June 5 (AP) — Six Arab funds extended loans totalling \$358 million to 30 developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America in the first quarter of 1980, according to a report published in Kuwait yesterday.

The report, published by the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, said that a total of \$56.7 million of loans were extended by itself, \$97.6 million by the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and \$82.6 million by the Islamic Development Bank.

The Saudi Development Fund extended loans totalling \$72.7 million while the loans of Arab Bank for African Development during this period amounted to \$25.1 million and those extended by the Iraq Foreign Development Fund \$22.9 million, the report added.

In addition the report noted that a seventh fund, OPEC's special facility, which is mainly owned by Arab oil exporting countries, extended loans totalling \$45.9 million to 12 countries during the first quarter of the current year.

The loans were used in financing development projects and foreign trade deficits, the report added.

### Turkey lifts bank's interest ceiling

ANKARA, June 5 (R) — Turkey today raised its bank interest rates, in some cases scrapping interest ceilings entirely, in a move aimed at encouraging savings and drawing money away from the country's wealthy black market.

The government decree, to take effect on July 1, is also aimed at satisfying the terms of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in return for a reported \$1.625 billion three-year IMF credit agreement expected to be signed this month, banking sources said.

It was the latest in a series of economic measures, which began last January, by Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel's government aimed at overcoming Turkey's gravest economic crisis.

The highlight of the decree was an article removing all limits on bank interest for time deposits of more than six months. It leaves the individual bank free to negotiate the interest rate with the depositor. The decree also initiated a "certificate of deposit" scheme, allowing banks to start accounts for a "bearer" rather than for a named depositor.

The new "certificate of deposits" scheme, which is widespread in the United States, is clearly aimed at encouraging the billions of dollars of black market money back into the official economy. The government hopes the relative anonymity of such accounts will encourage tax-evaders to bring their cash into the official market, banking sources said.

The new interest rates are also aimed at stemming the tide of deposits in a number of private brokerage firms which offer interest of up to 40 per cent on bonds and time deposits.

## Egypt forecasts first-ever budget surplus

CAIRO, June 5 (AP) — Egypt's budget, which has been plagued by chronic deficits, will be in the black next year for the first time in history, the nation's top economic official announced today.

Thanks to soaring oil income and increased revenues from the Suez Canal, Deputy Prime Minister Abdel Razzak Abdul Meguid forecast a surplus of at least \$150 million in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

"The surplus occurs for the very first time in the history of Egypt, in fact since the time of Joseph," said the newly appointed 49-year-old economic czar. He referred to the Old Testament prophet who resolved an economic crisis in the time of the Pharaohs, about 1720 B.C.

Egypt had a budget deficit of about \$2 billion in 1979 on a \$18.5 billion budget. A \$1.4 billion deficit had been forecast for 1980 before the start of the fiscal year was moved from January to July by President Anwar Sadat.

Mr. Abdul Meguid told a news

conference that \$1.64 billion additional income from oil and Suez Canal fees — which are to be raised in October — would allow the government to balance the budget and pay for a \$1.42 billion programme to compensate low-income workers for the loss of purchasing power due to inflation, running at the rate of about 20 per cent.

Egypt earned \$1.3 billion from oil exports and \$600 million from the Suez Canal in 1979.

Mr. Abdul Meguid said a main goal of the government's new economic policy was to redistribute income more fairly to low-income workers. His programme has promised:

— To increase subsidies on basic commodities from \$1.3 billion annually to \$1.5 billion.

— To raise the minimum wage, social security benefits and pensions for the elderly.

— To raise the price paid to farmers for crops such as sugar and sesame.

— The wage increases are for those on low incomes or fixed

incomes who have been losing about 20 per cent a year in purchasing power because of inflation. No trade union in the world tolerates that," said Mr. Abdul Meguid.

The billion-dollar wage package — affecting most of Egypt's two million government employees — is likely to have an inflationary impact, but Mr. Abdul Meguid said this would be offset by a six-month freeze in government spending in other sectors.

"The freeze will mean an actual decrease in real spending since the sums allocated will be reduced by an amount equal to inflation (about 20 per cent)," he said.

Since Egypt and Israel signed a peace treaty last March, expectations have been raised that an end of war would usher in a new era of prosperity. Egyptian officials appear anxious to forestall unrest like the January 1977 riots over increase in food prices that shook the foundations of Mr. Sadat's regime.

"Economic stability can't take place with social friction. This has

been proven by what has happened in Iran and even South Korea," said Mr. Abdul Meguid.

Also part of Mr. Abdul Meguid's new economic policy is a sweeping reform of the customs system to eliminate red tape and the taking of "backbush" (Arabic for petty bribes). Mr. Abdul Meguid said. Starting Saturday, he said, all imports including the payment of customs duties will be handled through Egyptian banks with a single short form to be filled out.

One purpose of the reform is to increase the amount of hard currency deposited in Egyptian banks by nearly one million Egyptians working in Arab and other foreign countries.

Last year remittances totalled \$1.8 billion, but only \$600 million came into the country in the form of cash while the rest was in durable goods such as cars and refrigerators. To import such items henceforth, the money will first have to be deposited in an Egyptian bank.

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, June 5 (R) — Government bonds closed equities were mixed after a moderately active session. At 1500 the FT index was down 0.4 at 422.6.

The latest round of U.S. prime rate cuts and speculation in U.K. minimum lending rate in the near future pushed government bonds around 1/4 point higher in short-term notes, dealers said. They noted that the firm sterling had attracted overseas investors back into the market.

Gold shares were generally higher with the bullion North American names closed mixed.

Land Securities dipped 19p after announcing a £1 rights issue and ICI fell 14p as brokers downgraded the company's 1980 earnings. BP closed 2p higher after figures while Barmah and Shell added 8p and 10p respectively. Guthrie Corp held steady at £7 1/2 after results worth was unchanged at 57p after announcing a new sportswear shop.

Banks closed 3p to 5p higher but Courtauld, Beech and Metal Box shed a penny or two.

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATE

U.S. dollar	294.00/296.00	French franc	71.1
U.K. sterling	682.70/686.70	Japanese yen	163
West German mark	165.60/166.60	(for every 100)	132
Swiss franc	178.20/179.30	Dutch guilder	150
Italian lire	35.20/35.40	Swedish crown	70.1
(for every 100)		Belgium franc	103

## UNCTAD discusses 'common'

GENEVA, June 5 (R) — Negotiations to set up a common fund which could generate up to six billion dollars to finance national commodity agreements today entered what is as a final two-week session.

The talks grouping about 100 countries in the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) are scheduled to conclude in a ministerial session 10 days hence.

The proposed fund has a first account of \$400 million of compulsory contributions, designed to finance a separate international commodity agreements, and a second voluntary account for commodity research and development.

UNCTAD Secretary-General Gamani Corea, addressing opening session of the final negotiating conference today, said the fund might be used to generate between \$5 and \$10 billion.

The money would be lent to international commodity agreements like cocoa and tin to buy up buffer stocks to prices and ensure constant supplies, he said.

"The fund must from the outset have a good image of generating confidence in the capital markets," Mr. Corea said. "There must also be credibility in the fund's voting pattern though it is hoped decisions will be reached without a vote."

The U.N. official rejected any suggestion that current negotiations could interfere with the common fund. He said that on the contrary would be a decisive factor in accelerating the outcome of commodity pacts by easing problems over the size and financing of buffer stocks.

Last March the international cocoa agreement collapsed different price ranges sought by producer and consumer countries, and last month talks in Geneva on a new tin agreement ended in deadlock.

Mr. Corea urged delegates to concentrate on common problems still unresolved after several years of preparation. These include the inter-changeability of government guarantees for borrowing by the different commodity councils, procedures in the fund and the timing of capital payments.

## European car manufacturers fear Japan's potential

FRANKFURT — European motor manufacturers are increasingly causing upset and anxiety.

Recent developments have played a leading role in fostering this spirit of dejection. The productivity edge Japanese manufacturers enjoy over their European counterparts has, if anything, increased, for instance.

A car worker in Toyota City, say, puts in on average 20 per cent more hours than his opposite number in Rüsselsheim (Opel) or Stuttgart (Mercedes) per year. What is more, he works more effectively, not only because he is more dedicated in his approach to his job but also because he is backed up by a more up-to-date and more automated production apparatus.

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Honda held cooperation talks with British Leyland and Nissan with Alfa Romeo.

The Japanese bid to gain a foothold in leading European companies unleashed a previously suppressed desire to resist what was felt to be the outline of a new strategy. Prospects for the future are what worry European manufacturers most. What happens in the United States will, of course, play a leading role.

If U.S. auto workers and their trade unions step up pressure on Washington to impose import

restrictions on Japanese motor vehicles, frustrated exporters to the United States will surely be redirected to Europe.

Japanese manufacturers must make sure at all costs that their capacities are fully used and that they do their national duty as employers and foreign exchange earners. Their attention will be directed first and foremost at the West German market with its unlimited access, and the signs are fair for a marketing offensive.

— From Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung



The West German motor industry fears that its products, such as the motorcycle above could be overshadowed on the home market by the European successes of Japanese manufacturers.

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# JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Baseball roundup

NEW YORK, June 5 (AP) — Pete Rose singled in two key runs and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3 last night as left-hander Steve Carlton won his 10th game. Carlton, scattering hits, improved his National League-leading record to 10-2. Pirates left-hander John Candelaria, 25, was the loser.

In other National League action, Andre Dawson belted a three-run homer to snap a seventh-inning tie and Gary Carter followed with a solo blast to support the nine-hit pitching of Steve Rogers as the Montreal Expos defeated the Chicago Cubs 8-1.

Ken Reitz led off the 10th inning with his fourth home run of the season, lifting the St. Louis Cardinals and veteran left-hander Jim Kaat to a 1-0 victory over the New York Mets.

Home runs by Chris Chambliss, Brian Asselstine and Glenn Hubbard led the Atlanta Braves to a 7-2 decision over the San Francisco Giants.

In the American League, Robin Yount's suicide squeeze bunt in the eighth inning scored Paul Molitor from third base to give the Milwaukee Brewers a 3-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Toby Harrah, Mike Hargrove and Cliff Johnson homered and three Cleveland pitchers scattered six hits as the Indians downed the Oakland A's 5-3.

Bob Davis' two-run homer capped a three-run Toronto fourth inning and Otto Velez added another two-run shot in the seventh as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the California Angels 8-2.

Detroit's John Wockenfuss belted a three-run homer to back Milt Wilcox's fit-bit pitching as the Tigers defeated the Seattle Mariners 8-2.

George Brett drove in four runs with two singles and his third home run in three games, powering the Kansas City Royals to a 9-3 victory over the New York Yankees.

Rain postponed the Boston Minnesota game.

Richie Zisk collected three hits, including a two-run homer, to lead the Texas Rangers to a 4-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox in the first game of a doubleheader.

In late NL action on the West Coast, Ray Knight slugged a three-run homer and doubled and singled to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Rafael Landestoy, capped a three-run Houston ninth inning with an RBI single as the Astros came from behind to defeat the San Diego Padres 4-3.

## Derby-Oaks double starts Saturday

LONDON, June 5 (R) — Willie Carson, the 1980 big race specialist, goes for a Derby-Oaks double at Epsom on Saturday and the bookmakers are taking no chances — his mount Bireme is a warm favourite.

The effusive Scotsman, who won the 2,000 guineas on Known Fact, faced an agonising choice between stable companions Water Mill and Henbit before yesterday's derby. He picked the right one though Henbit's victory was tinged with tragedy — the colt finished lamely after cracking a bone in his foot one and a half furlongs out and will not race again this season.

For the Oaks, Carson faced an even harder choice as trainer Dick Hern has such a wealth of talent in his stable. He picked Bireme, winner of the Musidora Stakes first time out this season when she was still backward.

Tony Murray, out of luck on Water Mill in the derby, gets a welcome second chance on Shoot A Line, the Cheshire Oaks winner, while Ernie Johnson partners the stable's third string, the one-eyed filly The Dancer. But the trio face a formidable challenge from the narrow 1,000 guineas winner, Quick As Lightning.

The filly, American-bred and owned, has not run since her Newmarket triumph, but trainer John Dunlop clearly has no qualms about her being short of work for the classic double bid.

Brian Rouse, the fifth jockey chosen for Quick As Lightning in a bewildering game of rider changes before the 1,000 guineas, gets the ride once more and could well be the big race man-of-the-moment again.

Pat Eddery was offered the Oaks ride on Quick As Lightning, but he has been claimed by trainer Peter Walwyn to ride Rule Britannia, who won a maiden race at Wolverhampton last time out, hardly the form for a budding classic winner.

Lester Piggott, a maestro on Epsom's twisting track, will be aboard Forlene, who is trained by great Irishman Vincent O'Brien but has not been that impressive in her two runs this season.

Dick Hern, with three of the 11 runners, is certainly the trainer to follow and gamblers would be wise to trust Carson's solid judgement and plump for Bireme. The consistent Velle at 6-1 could prove a worthwhile each-way investment.

**Valencia football club sacks manager**  
VALENCIA, Spain, June 4 (R) — Alfredo Di Stefano has been sacked as manager of Valencia despite guiding the Spanish club to victory over England's Arsenal in this year's European Cup Winners' Soccer Cup.

Explaining the dismissal, club chairman Jose Ramos Costa said last night: "Although we won the Cup Winners' Cup, Valencia finished a mediocre sixth in the league and were prematurely knocked out of the Spanish cup. We believe better results could have been achieved. We are very demanding."

Di Stefano, remembered as one of the world's greatest players in the Madrid side twenty years ago, joined Valencia a year ago for the second time, having also managed the side from 1971 to 1974.

## THE Daily Crossword by Hugh MacKenzie

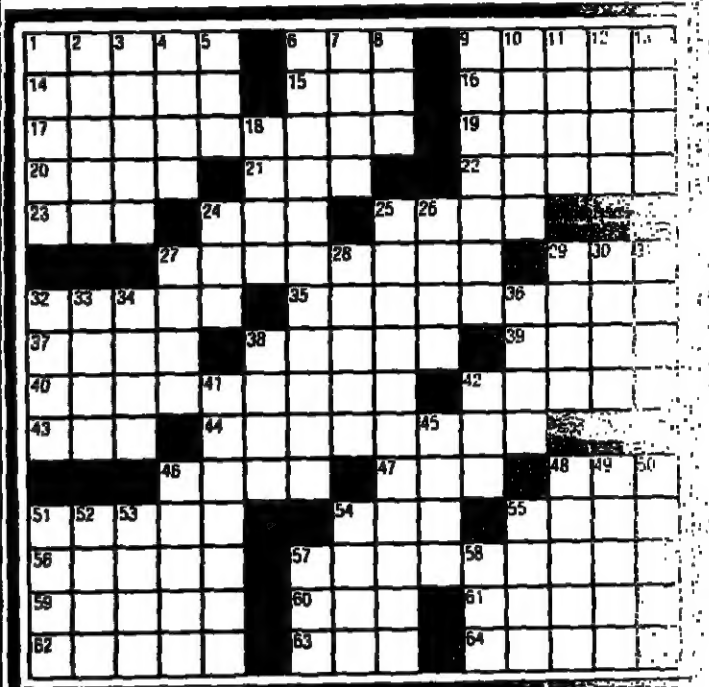
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## Saturday's Puzzle Solved:

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MUTE GLEON DISKE  
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## FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1980

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You now have a good opportunity to expand in career activities, so be alert to the surprising conditions that arise and through which you can make progress.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can handle an important business matter in a novel way and get excellent results. Be careful of strangers.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Look to an associate for help to handle a situation of importance. This could bring many benefits in the future.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get busy attending to the ahead of you and forget outside matters for now and in the benefits you need.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Not a good time to be with strangers you know little about, but fine showing more thought for loved ones.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Show more affection for family members and they will show you the same in return. Be according to the Golden Rule.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You may get a communication today that will save you from pressing situation that has you bogged down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't waste valuable time on unimportant matters early in the day. Contact key persons who can be of great help to you now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Use your ingenuity and accomplish whatever you have set your mind to and is at for all concerned. Be proud.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Handle those private matters that are important to you and close ties. Be to better accord with mate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Good day to be with and who can give you the assistance you need at this time. Strive for increased happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) An influential person appreciates your ability and is able to give the backing you need to be successful. Follow through.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Look to new interests that make your life richer and more satisfying. Try to be clever in conversations.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
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vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH  
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♥ 1073  
♦ A 10876  
♣ K 4

EAST  
♠ J965  
♥ Q4  
♦ J72  
♣ QJ92

SOUTH  
♠ K 108  
♥ A K 5  
♦ K 4 3  
♣ A Q 8 7

Leading:  
West North East  
Pass 10 Pass  
Pass 3 NT Pass  
Pass

winning lead: Six of ♠

Every circle of bridge players has its "card rack" — a player the others accuse of doing more than his fair share of high cards. While we all like to think that we are among those who get the best of it, logic tells us that are ain't no such animal!

It is due allowance for lucky calls that might last days, weeks or even years, the odds of averages is relentless over a length of time the odds of chance will tribute her favors almost daily.

We say this despite the fact that we have seen charts applied by the unlucky to "prove" that their opponents' cards held the better cards. It is not just the number

of high cards that is important — the timeliness when they are held and the distribution of the hands are equally relevant. For instance, on today's hand East found himself with an overabundance of blessings.

After a straightforward auction, South found himself in three no trump, against which West led a low spade. Declarer captured the queen of spades with the king, and could see only eight fast tricks. Obviously, the diamond suit could be developed for at least one additional trick, but if declarer gave up a diamond there was the danger that the opponents could cash four spade tricks to defeat the hand.

Rather than take that risk, declarer opted to let the defenders have their spade tricks. He hoped that East would find it difficult to discard on his partner's spades, so he exited with the ten of spades and West ran his four spades.

On the third spade East could safely stuff a diamond, but the fourth spade posed a problem. No matter what suit he discarded, he would set up an extra trick for declarer in that suit.

East fell victim to a "suicide squeeze." But observe that no defense would help. If West shifts after winning the second spade, declarer wins and leads a third spade, and East's only safe discard is a diamond. However, if West again refrains from cashing his spades, declarer can give up a diamond to make his contract.

## THE BETTER HALF. By Vinson



I'm married. You because of the UNIFORM! The poor thing didn't know you were going to quit the Good Humor job.

## GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?

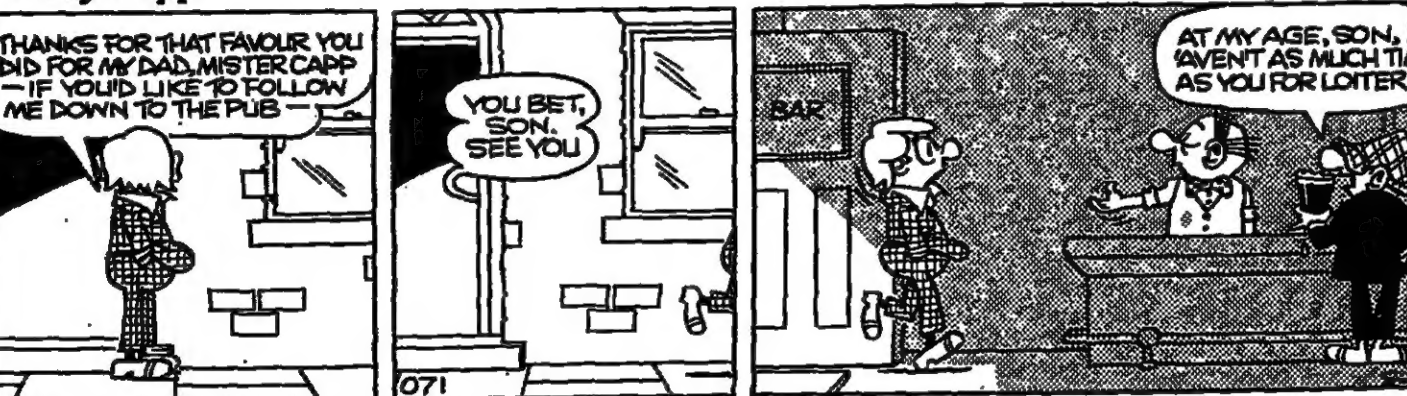
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## Mutt 'n' Jeff



# JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

## JORDAN TELEVISION

### CHANNEL 3

1800 News  
1815 Cartoons  
1830 Children's programme  
1845 Religious programme  
1855 Young People Special  
1900 Thrill Master Sports  
1905 Soccer  
1910 Documentary  
1915 Arabic play  
1920 Ay Yom Request  
1925 Gammas  
1930 Local programme  
1935 Arabic series  
1940 Religious Seminar  
1945 News in Arabic  
1950 Special programme on Social Security  
1955 Arabic series  
1955 Arabic series  
1955 Arabic series  
2000 News in Arabic

### CHANNEL 6

1830 French programme  
1845 News in French  
1850 News in Hebrew  
1855 Comedy  
1900 Love Among Artists  
1905 News in English  
1910 A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers  
1915 Supplimental Show

## RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign on  
7:01 Morning Show  
7:30 News Bulletin  
7:40 Morning Show  
8:00 News Summary  
8:30 News Music  
11:40 News Bulletin  
12:40 Spelling and News Headlines  
12:45 Radiotheque  
12:50 News Summary  
13:05 Radiotheque  
14:00 News Bulletin  
14:10 Music  
14:30 In Concert  
14:40 Concert Hour  
15:00 News Summary  
15:05 Easy Listening  
15:30 Old Favorites  
15:45 International Top Twenty  
16:30 Radiotheque  
18:00 News Summary  
18:30 About Jordan  
18:30 Classical Music  
19:10 News Bulletin  
19:15 Music  
19:30 Sign off

## AMMAN AIRPORT

### ARRIVALS

7:05 Cairo (EA)  
8:40 Jordan  
8:55 Athens  
9:10 Athens (CY)  
9:15 Dubai, Abu Dhabi  
9:15 Dhahran, Kuwait  
10:00 Beirut  
10:05 Kuwait (KAC)  
10:30 Tripoli, Benghazi (LN)  
10:35 Cairo (EA)  
10:35 Jeddah, Medina (SDI)  
10:40 Cairo  
17:30 Paris  
17:40 New York, Amsterdam  
18:10 Madrid, Athens  
18:25 London  
19:30 Frankfurt  
19:35 Beirut (MEA)  
21:30 Frankfurt, Munich, Damascus (LH)  
21:45 Damascus  
22:05 Cairo (EA)  
22:05 London (BA)  
22:40 Departures

### DEPARTURES

7:00 Athens  
8:45 Cairo (EA)  
9:25 Beirut (MEA)  
9:30 Athens (CY)  
10:30 Cairo  
10:30 London  
10:30 Athens, Copenhagen  
12:30 Vienna, New York, Houston  
13:30 Kuwait (KAC)  
13:30 Cairo  
13:30 Tripoli, Benghazi (LN)  
16:25 Cairo (EA)  
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18:30 Beirut  
19:35 Damascus  
19:45 Tehran  
20:00 Cairo  
20:45 Kuwait, Dhahran  
21:00 Dubai, Karachi  
22:00 Abu Dhabi, Ras Al Khaimah  
22:25 Cairo (EA)  
23:25 Ras Al Khaimah (BA)

## EMERGENCIES

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## BBC RADIO

### CMT

06:00 Newsdesk  
06:30 Letter from London: Play Choice  
06:45 Financial News: Reflections  
06:50 News: 24 Hours  
06:55 World Today  
07:00 Newsdesk  
07:30 Baker's Half-Dollar  
07:40 News: 24 Hours  
07:50 Profile  
07:55 Merchant Navy  
08:00 News: Reflections  
08:15 Stage by Stage  
08:20 Book programme  
08:30 News: British Press Review  
08:35 World Today  
08:40 Financial News: Look Ahead  
08:45 Music Now  
08:55 Merchant Navy  
09:00 Old Tools' Almanac  
09:10 News: News about Britain  
09:15 Letter Newsletter  
09:20 Anything Goes  
09:30 Radio Newsworld  
09:35 These Menial Islands  
09:40 Sports Round-up  
09:45 News: 24 hours  
09:50 Radio Theatre  
09:55 Children  
10:00 Children's and His World  
10:05 Radio Newsworld  
10:10 Outlook  
10:15 News: Commentary  
10:20 Theatre Call  
10:25 News Item  
10:30 World Today  
10:35 The Week in Wales  
10:40 Sports Round-up  
10:45 News about Britain  
10:50 Radio Newsworld

### CULTURAL CENTRES (AMMAN)

American Centre 41320  
British Council 36478  
French Cultural Centre 37009  
German Cultural Centre 41990  
Greek Cultural Centre 42000  
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### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (AMMAN)

Ambulance (government) 7511  
Civil defence force 3084

## JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ALMEY  
LUTEL  
YASILE  
YORPOL

Print answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: RAINY HOIST TACKLE FORKED  
Answer: To learn door-to-door selling, you have to go to this school — "OF HARD KNOCKS"

What one might think of when a horse has no "future."

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow!

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Al Hums Theatre 226-448  
Al Shifa Art Gallery 226-527  
American Centre 420-342  
Arab Cultural Centre 333-727  
Belgian Cultural Centre 357-081  
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## S. Africa boycott called off

CAPE TOWN, June 5 (R) — Coloured (mixed race) student leaders today called off a seven-week school boycott in South Africa and told thousands of pupils to return to their classes on Monday.

But the decision has still to be agreed by other groups involved in the protest, which started among coloured high school children in Cape Town and spread across the country.

A spokesman for the students' "Committee of 81", which spearheaded the revolt against racial inequality in education, said the group had decided continuing the boycott would not achieve anything.

"The boycott does not have enough leverage to force the release of detainees," the spokesman said.

Police arrested hundreds of people during the weeks of unrest. Most have since been freed, but several student leaders and teachers are still in detention.

The committee ordered a return to classes last month, but called the pupils out again three days later in support of Indian and black pupils who maintained the boycott. Five people died in the

unrest, which flared sporadically into violence with police combating stone-throwing and arson with baton charges and tear gas. Two students were shot and killed by police in a coloured suburb near Cape Town.

Increasing numbers of university students joined the younger protesters, and the black University of Fort Hare was closed.

Prime Minister Pieter Botha acknowledged that there were grievances and there have been several moves to take the heat out of the student protest. Extra money has been allocated to provide more text books for coloured pupils and damaged schools are to be renovated.

The root cause of student anger is the wide disparity between how much the state spends on educating each white child and the expenditure on pupils from other racial groups.

In Durban, principals at Indian high schools suspended more than

2,000 pupils who have been involved in the protest. An Indian education spokesman said pupils who wanted to return to school should reapply for admission and that each case would be treated on merit. Pupils who were responsible for damage to schools and assaults on teachers would not be readmitted, he said.

At Roodepoort, near Johannesburg, several hundreds pupils staged a protest march.

In the black homeland and KwaZulu, pamphlets circulated by medical students called on the "oppressed, divided black majority of South Africa — Indian, coloured and African — to join the schools boycott against an unjust education system."

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, political leader of five million Zulus, told the KwaZulu legislative assembly in Ulundi yesterday that what the students were doing was "foolish and stupid." He said the students were prescribing "a formula for civil war."



China's Senior Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping (front row, second from left) paid a visit to the United States in February 1979, during the course of which he visited a rodeo and donned a cowboy hat. (Gamma photo)

### In wide-ranging press conference

## Deng says he plans to give up post

PEIKING, June 5 (AP) — Senior Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping said today he plans to give up his vice premiership sometime in August if the National People's Congress approves, and that the purged "Gang of Four" ultra-leftist leaders would definitely be put on trial.

Mr. Deng told the National Conference of Editorial Writers that his resignation would be subject to the decision of the deputies of the Congress. China's parliament. He said the exact date was not fixed but would be sometime around August, "may be earlier or may be later."

The 76-year-old Mr. Deng already has said he wants to step down from his government job because of his age and yield to younger men. He would retain his all-important post as vice chairman of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee.

"My consideration," Mr. Deng told a rare news conference to which American and Canadian journalists were admitted, "is not to retire altogether but to give up the position as vice premier."

"I already am 76," he said, "so I want to reduce the burden of routine work."

Mr. Deng said the "Gang of Four" will be put on trial but it would not be open to the world public because it involves "massive amounts of state secrets."

"As far as the people in China are concerned," he told the press conference, "the trial will be open but it inevitably will be connected with massive amounts of state secrets."

"So we do not intend an open trial in the international sense, to reveal these matters abroad," he added that of course, "the international press will be disappointed."

Mr. Deng and other Chinese officials have said many times the "Gang of Four" will go on trial. He did not give a date but said, "the Gang of Four will be put on

trial." The radical group, led by Chairman Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing, has been accused of trying to usurp control of the party and the country during 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

In a wide-ranging press conference Mr. Deng also said he welcomed the U.S. decision to abandon its "even handed" policy toward China and the Soviet Union. "The main danger of war today comes from the Soviet Union," he said.

The vice premier also said: "On the whole we are pleased with the development of Sino-American relations." He added, however, "it is not quite appropriate" to consider China and the United States allies.

He said China is planning to "radicate the system of lifetime tenure" for party and government posts. He said it would apply "not only to the chairman of the party but to all posts in the party, as well as to the government."

He said officials might be limited to three terms, but said this could be extended in the case of younger men in their 30s.

China encourages freedom of the press and open criticism only if it does not undermine national security and unity, Mr. Deng said. He said China will adhere to the policy: "Let 100 flowers blossom, let 100 schools of thought contend."

"It is advantageous to our work when its shortcomings are exposed," he told the press conference. "But a distinction should be made between constructive and destructive criticism."

Mr. Deng made the comments in response to a question from a foreign journalist about how free the press is in China to criticize leaders and policy. "Conditions in our country differ from conditions in yours," Mr. Deng said.

He said China recently banned big character posters at what once was called "Democracy Wall." China has just achieved a situation of stability and unity, he said, but

"previously people put big character posters up on this wall seeking to destroy this unity and stability."

He said such criticism had "destructive results for the economy as well."

He alluded to a brief period in 1979 in which posters blossomed on the wall. Many were critical of policy and some attacked Chinese leaders.

Mr. Deng said China encourages all criticism aimed at exposing persons or actions "detrimental to socialist construction."

But he said China cannot let freedom of criticism be exploited "by people who think like the Gang of Four."

He said free discussion and debate among persons of differing opinions "has a better effect than the exposing of shortcomings."

In answer to a question, he said he had not heard of any directive restricting ordinary Chinese contacts with foreigners. Reports have been circulating in the capital about orders that Chinese must keep their distance from foreigners.

Speaking of his plans to drop the vice premiership, Mr. Deng noted he still would retain his party vice chairmanship, vice chairmanship of the Military Commission and chairmanship of the National United Front Organization.

"With these three posts I will be very busy," he said. He added, "my plan now is to resign these other posts by 1985 and assume the role of an adviser."

Mr. Deng said "I will raise the matter of stepping down" at the National People's Congress.

"Whether my resignation will be approved will be decided by the deputies," he said.

The sprightly Mr. Deng, who was in good humour and smoking heavily, said he wanted to shed some responsibility because "I would like to live a little longer."

He also said he feared that by 1985 his mind would not be as active as it is today.

## World News Briefs

ARUSHA, Tanzania, June 5 (R) — The presidents of Zambia and Sudan meet the new military leaders of tomorrow to discuss Ugandan security in preparation to restore civilian rule. The summit, called by Sudanese Jaafar Numeiri, comes three weeks after President Go was overthrown by a six-man military commission. It's second leadership convulsion in the year since dictator toppled by the Tanzanian army and Ugandan exiles.

ALGIERS, June 5 (R) — Nearly a third of the population of Algeria has been massacred by Indonesia in the five years since the end of the Algerian civil war, a guerrilla chief was today quoted as saying. He said the guerrilla force today numbered 300,000 inhabitants out of a population of one million. Indonesian army, which annexed the former Portuguese December 1975, Mr. Rogerio Lobato, military commander of the Fretilin guerrilla movement said. A further 150,000 are by starvation, he added in an interview with the *Algiers Actualite*.

CANBERRA, June 5 (AP) — Australia will accept 19 and 2,000 persons in other categories under special programs for displaced persons immigration and El Minister Ian MacPherson announced today. "Refugees feature of migration to Australia since settlement. In the 400,000 refugees and displaced people have settled in Australia," Mr. MacPherson said.

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP) — The U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations today passed legislation to combat terrorism. The bill requires the president to submit Congress telling what nations have demonstrated a pattern for international terrorism. Nations so listed could not assistance. Citizens of those nations would be prohibited from the United States for military training.

## Bonn OKs compromise formula for EEC budget

BONN, June 5 (AP) — The West German government announced today that it had approved a compromise formula under which British payments to the European Economic Community (EEC) budget would be reduced.

The announcement confirmed unofficial reports that the cabinet had decided to approve the package following a marathon 10-hour debate yesterday.

Under the terms of the compromise, worked out in Brussels by EEC foreign ministers last Friday, Britain's payments to the community budget will be sharply reduced over the next two years. But West Germany will have to pay an additional \$1.46 billion during that period to finance about 40 per cent of the revenue lost by Britain's reduction.

West German approval of the plan was crucial because objections from Bonn would have forced the EEC to renegotiate the issue.

Meanwhile, French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing called today for a "pause" in the process of admitting Greece, Spain and Portugal to the EEC because of its current problems. He told a meeting of farmers' organizations that the integration of "some new members" — a clear reference to Britain — was clearly not complete, because of their recent demands for changes in the market system.

"It does not seem possible to deal jointly with the problems and uncertainties linked with the extension of the first enlargement" of the market, when Britain, Denmark and Ireland joined the founding six nations, "and

those which would new memberships."

## Australian official bre Olympic bid

CANBERRA, June 5 (AP) — The Australian official bre Olympic bid was today rejected by the government.

Officials reacted when they learned the Archibald, 35, had a appointment despite American support. The government called off the Moscow bid. The Australian Olympic commission recently voted a team.

Foreign Affairs I officials were under telephone their bid Andrew Peacock, in where he was due to see of State Edmund Mus

Mr. Archibald, via New York from 1979 year, said he had no ings about the boy-fencers need a manag after their interests, adding, "I look on this sporting assignment else."

Mr. Archibald said apply to his department to go to Moscow in Ju

## New Hebrides negotiations could begin 'in a few days,' Lini says

PORT VILA, New Hebrides, June 5 (AP) — Negotiations to end the rebellion on Espiritu Santo island could begin in a few days, New Hebrides chief minister Father Walter Lini said today.

Father Lini said he had offered to hold talks with self-proclaimed rebel prime minister Mr. Jimmy Stevens if he agrees to release 10 hostages and return stolen arms.

The rebels have cut off communications with the largest island in the New Hebrides archipelago and forced the evacuation by sea of more than 1,200 persons, including 100 Europeans.

Britain has sent two military advisers to Port Vila, reportedly to lay the ground for a possible military intervention if Father Lini and Mr. Stevens fail to achieve a compromise.

The French Resident Commissioner, Mr. Jean Jacques Robert, said yesterday the British had a parachute battalion ready to fly to a camp in New Zealand. Mr. Robert also has forces available to him at the French base in neighbouring New Caledonia.

Meanwhile, American businessman Mr. Mark Oliver, who is advising the rebels on Espiritu Santo, denied today that he had supplied them with arms.

"Santo island was taken over with bows and arrows... the only thing I've given them was advice," Mr. Oliver, speaking from Nevada, told a Sydney, Australia, radio station yesterday.

Mr. Oliver said his influence had prevented bloodshed on the

island, where some 800 plantation workers backed by about 50 French-speaking Europeans last month seized government offices and policemen in a move to break away from the rest of the 800-kilometre long Pacific archipelago.

The islands are due for independence on July 30 after 74 years of joint French and British rule.

## Protestant Ulster politico killed

CARNCLOUGH, Northern Ireland, June 5 (AP) — A maverick Protestant politician — a one-time member of Northern Ireland's main Roman Catholic party — was killed in a hail of bullets last night as his wife drove him to a village hall meeting.

There were fears that the shooting of local Councillor John Turnley could herald a fresh wave of sectarian killings as the British government prepares a new plan for Protestant-Catholic power-sharing.

Police said three masked gunmen drove up alongside Mr. Turnley's car, opened fire and speed off. Mr. Turnley died instantly. His Japanese-born wife was not hit.

Mr. Turnley, in his mid-40s, quit the largely Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party several years ago after a row with the party leadership. But he remained out of step with fellow Protestants by joining the small, bisectarian Irish Independent

Party.

The party favours an Ulster independent of either Britain or the neighbouring, mostly Catholic, Republic of Ireland.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government is hammering out fresh proposals to restore a degree of local autonomy to Northern Ireland, with special representation for the Catholic minority, outnumbered two to one by the 1 million Protestants. The proposals are to be unveiled by the end of this month.

Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey, a fervent nationalist, has recently stepped up pressure for reunification of Ireland. Reunification is bitterly opposed by Ulster Protestants, who fear domination by the republic's 3 million Catholics.

More than 2,000 persons have died in sectarian violence in Ulster since 1969.

## Investigators seek clues in Statue of Liberty bombing

NEW YORK, June 5 (AP) — Investigators have eliminated two of the five groups that claimed responsibility for bombing the Statue of Liberty here.

"We're working now on three possibilities," said Mr. Tom Locke, of the special FBI-New York Police Department anti-terrorist task force that went into action after Tuesday night's explosion. Mr. Locke declined to say which groups still were suspect, or the reasons that eliminated two.

The national monument, on Liberty Island, was closed to the public yesterday as investigators looked for clues. The bomb, believed to have been a dynamite device, exploded in the story room, a museum in the base of the statue, Tuesday evening.

There was no warning before the blast.

A few hours later, several people called police and the news media claiming their organisations were responsible.

The first caller told police he spoke for the Jewish Defence League. Another said he was from Omega 7, the right-wing anti-Castro group.

A woman who called the New York Post shortly after midnight said the bombing was done by the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement Party, because "we're tired of the Jews running everything."

Another woman called the Associated Press to say the Palestine Liberation Organisation bombed the statue because "we will no longer stand by while the United States gives ammunition and money to Israel to kill Palestinian women and children."

WNBC television got a call from a man who said FALN, the Puerto-Rico independence terrorism group, had planned the bomb and that "Indian Point will be the next," referring to a nuclear power plant 40 kilometres north of the city.

By Thomas Thomson

## RAS AL KHAIMAH, United Arab Emirates -- The western world's energy lifeline fits easily on to a helicopter's 23-centimetre radar screen.

The electronic scanner reduces the spectacular beauty of the Strait of Hormuz to a narrow white outline, emphasising the vulnerability of the gate to the Gulf.

About 100 ships a day pass through the channel between the Arabian peninsula and Iran, carrying two-thirds of the West's oil imports.

From a helicopter flying 1,200 metres over the rugged mountains of the Masandam peninsula, this appears one of the most peaceful spots in the world. Dots on the radar screen are supertankers steaming to and from the major oilfields in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates and Iran.

A swoop down over the brilliant blue waters of the Gulf to drop supplies to a tanker heading for Japan brings waves from crewmen sunning themselves on deck.

But for the major oil importing countries the picture is more ominous. An attack on the strait, if it closed the Gulf to tankers, would paralyse the economies of the West.

The strait, only 38 kilometres broad at its narrowest point, leapt to prominence last year following the overthrow of the Shah of Iran. The toppling of the self-appointed "policeman of the gulf" left the Iranian side of the strait in uncertain hands.

But it was the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan that set western alarm bells ringing, with the fear that Soviet troops could swiftly

out off the West's economic life-blood.

President Carter warned earlier this year that the Soviet effort to dominate Afghanistan had brought Soviet forces to within 480 kilometres of the Indian Ocean, and close to the Strait of Hormuz. The president added that the Soviet move posed a grave threat to the free movement of Middle East oil.

The efforts to free the Ameri-

can hostages being held in the U.S. embassy in Tehran also involve threats to use the strait as a powerful bargaining lever. A U.S. blockade of Iranian ports would likely be controlled from the strait. And Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh threatened last month to close the Gulf if the U.S. attacked his country.

Policing the strait has now fallen to the tiny Omani navy, which patrols Omani territorial waters off

the tip of the Masandam peninsula, which include the main tanker channels. The British and American-advised Omani military force is based at Khasab, the main village of the peninsula, where a small airstrip provides a base for helicopters to patrol the strait.

In addition, a new naval base on Jazirat Al Ghanam — goat island is a more convenient patrol centre than the previous headquarters at Muscat, far to the south.



The Strait of Hormuz, photographed from the west by a U.S. space mission. The Masandam peninsula juts into the strait from the right; Iran is on the left, the Arabian Gulf in the foreground and the Gulf of Oman in the background. (ICA photo)



Mrs. Gandhi with son Sanjay after election victory (Gamma photo)

## Mrs. Gandhi rules out state government job for her son

NEW DELHI, June 5 (R) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi today ruled out the possibility of her son Sanjay becoming chief minister of the key North Indian state of Uttar Pradesh.

She also indicated that she had no plans to make her 33-year-old son a cabinet minister.

Her Congress (I) party members in Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state and one of the most backward, had launched a campaign to have Mr. Gandhi as chief minister. But Mrs. Gandhi told reporters here: "There is absolutely no question of this going

to Uttar Pradesh. He has just become a member of Parliament, and he has to serve Parliament."

Mr. Gandhi was elected to the National Parliament in January, when his mother was voted back into office after 33 months in opposition.

Her party last week scored its second election victory in five months, winning control of assemblies in eight Indian states including Uttar Pradesh.

Asked whether any government or party responsibilities would be given to her son, Mrs. Gandhi replied: "Government, no. Party, we will see."

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